

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 60 to 75 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and amend Claims 42, 43, 48 to 51 and 56 to 59 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. to 41. (Canceled)

42. (Currently amended) A print processing method which is executed by a print system to which plural print apparatuses and an information processing apparatus are connected, comprising:

an environment setting step of setting a print environment of print data, said environment setting step including a selecting step of selecting at least two or more print apparatuses from among the plural print apparatuses; and

a generating step of, based on printer capability description information in which a maximum number value of capability of a function of each of the plural print apparatuses is described and the print environment set in said environment setting step, adding the maximum numbers values of the capabilities of the functions of the print apparatuses selected in said environment setting step to set a renewal maximum number value, said renewal maximum number exceeding any of the maximum number of capabilities of a function of each of the plural print apparatuses, and generating complex printer capability description information in which the set renewal maximum number value is described.

43. (Currently amended) A print processing method according to Claim 42, further comprising an attribute setting step of setting a print attribute of the print data, wherein the setting of the print attribute in said attribute setting step can be performed based on the renewal maximum number ~~value~~, on a screen formed based on the complex printer capability description information generated in said generating step.

44. (Previously presented) A print processing method according to Claim 43, further comprising an indicating step of indicating print of the print data, wherein the print data print-indicated in said indicating step is subjected to dispersion print by the print apparatuses selected in said environment setting step.

45. (Previously presented) A print processing method according to Claim 44, further comprising a receiving step of receiving notification of information representing how the print data has been subjected to the dispersion print.

46. (Previously presented) A print processing method according to Claim 42, wherein the print environment of the print data includes types and the number of print apparatuses, and said environment setting step includes a step of selecting the type and the number of print apparatuses.

47. (Previously presented) A print processing method according to Claim 42, further comprising an input operation step of being able to perform an input operation for updating the content of the printer capability description information of each of the plural print apparatuses.

48. (Currently amended) A print processing method according to Claim 42, wherein the maximum number ~~value~~ of the capability of the function of each of the plural print apparatuses is the maximum number of output copies of each of the plural print apparatuses, and the renewal maximum number ~~value~~ is the number obtained by adding together the maximum number of output copies of each of the plural print apparatuses.

49. (Currently amended) A print processing method according to Claim 42, wherein the maximum number ~~value~~ of the capability of the function of each of the plural print apparatuses is the number of output-permitted bins of each of the plural print apparatuses, and the renewal maximum number ~~value~~ is the number obtained by adding together the number of output-permitted bins of each of the plural print apparatuses.

50. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus which is connected to plural print apparatuses, comprising:

an environment setting unit adapted to set a print environment of print data, said environment setting unit including a selecting unit adapted to select at least two or more print apparatuses from among the plural print apparatuses; and

an obtaining unit adapted to, based on printer capability description information in which a maximum number value of capability of a function of each of the plural print apparatuses is described and the print environment set by said environment setting unit, add the maximum numbers values of the capabilities of the functions of the print apparatuses selected by said environment setting unit to set a renewal maximum number value, and said renewal maximum number exceeding any of the maximum number of capabilities of a function of each of the plural print apparatuses, and obtain complex printer capability description information in which the set renewal maximum number value is described.

51. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 50, further comprising an attribute setting unit adapted to set a print attribute of the print data, wherein the setting of the print attribute by said attribute setting unit can be performed based on the renewal maximum number value, on a screen formed based on the complex printer capability description information obtained by said obtaining unit.

52. (Previously presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 51, further comprising an indicating unit adapted to indicate print of the print data, wherein the print data print-indicated by said indicating unit is subjected to dispersion print by the print apparatuses selected by said environment setting unit.

53. (Previously presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 52, further comprising a receiving unit adapted to receive notification of information representing how the print data has been subjected to the dispersion print.

54. (Previously presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 50, wherein the print environment of the print data includes types and the number of print apparatuses, and said environment setting unit includes a unit adapted to select the type and the number of print apparatuses.

55. (Previously presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 50, further comprising an input operation unit adapted to be able to perform an input operation for updating the content of the printer capability description information of each of the plural print apparatuses.

56. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 50, wherein the maximum number value of the capability of the function of each of the plural print apparatuses is the maximum number of output copies of each of the plural print apparatuses, and the renewal maximum number value is the number obtained by adding together the maximum number of output copies of each of the plural print apparatuses.

57. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 50, wherein the maximum number value of the capability of the function of each of the plural print apparatuses is the number of output-permitted bins of each of the plural print apparatuses, and the renewal maximum number value is the number obtained by adding together the number of output-permitted bins of each of the plural print apparatuses.

58. (Currently amended) A print system to which is composed of plural print apparatuses and an information processing apparatus ~~are connected to the plural print apparatuses~~, comprising:

an environment setting unit adapted to set a print environment of print data, said environment setting unit including a selecting unit adapted to select at least two or more print apparatuses from among the plural print apparatuses; and

a generating unit adapted to, based on printer capability description information in which a maximum number value of capability of a function of each of the plural print apparatuses is described and the print environment set by said environment setting unit, add the maximum numbers values of the capabilities of the functions of the print apparatuses selected by said environment setting unit to set a renewal maximum number value, said renewal maximum number exceeding any of the maximum number of capabilities of a function of each of the plural print apparatuses, and generate complex printer capability description information in which the set renewal maximum number value is described.

59. (New) A program stored on a computer-readable storage medium, the program causing a computer to execute a control method for which is executed by a print system to which plural print apparatuses and an information processing apparatus are connected, comprising:

an environment setting step of setting a print environment of print data, said environment setting step including a selecting step of selecting at least two or more print apparatuses from among the plural print apparatuses; and

a generating step of, based on printer capability description information in which a maximum number value of capability of a function of each of the plural print apparatuses is

described and the print environment set in said environment setting step, adding the maximum numbers ~~values~~ of the capabilities of the functions of the print apparatuses selected in said environment setting step to set a renewal maximum number ~~value~~, said renewal maximum number exceeding any of the maximum number of capabilities of a function of each of the plural print apparatuses, and generating complex printer capability description information in which the set renewal maximum number ~~value~~ is described.

60. to 75. (Canceled)